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Subject: RE: Title VI HDOA [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Mr. Strassberg:

Please refer to the following copied note from the ECRCO Director Lilian Dorka on 2/24/17:

Hello Mr. Strassberg,

Thank you for your note. EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office has a pending Title VI civil rights complaint involving the HI Department of Agriculture. This office is in the process of evaluating this complaint consistent with our nondiscrimination regulation and our Case Resolution Manual (CRM) to determine if ECRCO has the required jurisdiction to accept this complaint for investigation. (See CRM at: https://www.epa.gov/ocr/case-resolution-manual)

Please note that, as this is an open complaint, we cannot share any additional information with you regarding this case. With respect to your email below, please note that, as you are not a party to this Title VI civil rights complaint and do not represent EPA, we cannot engage in any further discussion with you about this pending ECRCO civil rights complaint.

Sincerely,

Lilian Sotolongo Dorka Director, External Civil Rights Compliance Office EPA, Office of General Counsel 202-564-9649 WJC-N Room 2450

----Original Message----

From: matts@emcenter.org [mailto:matts@emcenter.org] Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 5:46 PM

To: Martinez, Brittany <Martinez.Brittany@epa.gov>

Subject: Title VI HDOA [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Brittany:

Amy Miller from Region IX suggested I contact you. I am a former Region IX attorney who now directs the Environmental Mediation Center (EMC). The EMC administers USDA certified state agricultural mediation programs in 4 states including Hawaii. Though that work I am very familiar with the issues and was hired to evaluate Kauai's Agricultural Good Neighbor Program. A copy of our report is available on our website www.emcenter.org.

While I do not want to over step in any way and understand that HQ is in the lead, I want to inquire about any steps necessary that I could take to be considered as a possible mediator for this case should the parties express interest in mediation. Are you available to talk next week? If so, please suggest a time that is convenient for you.

Matt

Matt Strassberg

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